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SUBJECT: Implementation of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) in Schools

TO: School Food Authority (SFA) Administrators and Food Service Managers

FROM: Christine Emerson, Director
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By July 1, 2005, schools are required to comply with a HACCP food safety system during the preparation and service of meals. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is currently working to develop correct and practical HACCP guidance to help schools fulfill the new requirement. FNS plans to have this HACCP guidance available in spring 2005 and envisions that SFAs will be in the process of implementing HACCP by the beginning of school year 2005-06.

If you have questions please call Holly Humphrey, School Nutrition Programs Specialist, (406) 444-4413.